

FAITH MENNONITE CHURCH

April 20, 2008 ~ Easter 5

Gathering Music

Welcome

Prelude

***Call to Worship** (*insert*)

***Hymns:** “For the beauty of the earth” #89 HWB
“I sing the mighty power of God” #46 HWB

Praising – A Creation Psalm

**Response: Creator God, Source of all life;
how gloriously does your name resound,
echoing to the bounds of the universe.**

Prayer of Confession / Assurance of Pardon (*insert*)

Children’s Gathering Hymn: “Come and See” #20 HWB

Children’s Time “Sierra Leone” ~ Rebecca Johnson & friends

Prayer for Sierra Leone

Hymn: “Lift every voice and sing” #579 HWB (v. 1 & 3)

New Testament reading: Acts: 17:22-31

Meditations: “Caring for Creation; Honoring the Creator”

Hymn: “You are the God within life” #537 HWB

Congregational Sharing

Congregational Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. AMEN

Offering & Offertory

Announcements (please give in writing to the pastor or worship leader)

Introduction of Guests

HWB: Hymnal Worship Book STJ: Sing the Journey

**Please stand if you are able*

***Sending forth** (*insert*)

***Sung benediction:** “You shall go out with joy” #427 HWB

Passing the Peace / Postlude

Community Time

- **Fellowship time 10:45-11:00 a.m. (in basement fellowship hall)**

- **Christian Education (11:00 – noon)**

Children’s classes begin with singing in the nursery at 11 a.m.

Adults: Adults will meet in the basement fellowship hall for an open discussion with Joetta about her vision for the congregation and to ask any questions related to the recommendation from the Pastoral Discernment Committee that she be offered the full-time pastorate position at FMC.

A parent resource room is directly below the sanctuary, between the men's and women's washrooms. A staffed nursery for toddlers and children up to age 5 is located in the education wing. Please ask an usher if you wish to be guided to the nursery.

TODAY: Easter five: Earth Day & Prayer for Sierra Leone

Worship Leader: Matthew Hendricks **Reflections:** Joetta Schlabach,
Greta Kreider Carlson and Michelle Okerstrom

Song Leader: Adam Nafziger **Piano:** Cathy Smetana

Nursery: Cindy Bjork & Heather Wengerd

We welcome members of the Sierra Leone community in Minnesota and pray for their homeland, which celebrates its independence day next Sunday, April 27.

NEXT SUNDAY: Easter six: The God of eternity is our refuge

Sermon: Joetta Schlabach

Song Leader: Gregg Richardson **Piano:** Adam Nafziger

Nursery: Mark Kaufman & Hermann Weinlick

Fellowship time: Richardsons

April 13: Attendance: 74 Offering: not recorded

Faith Mennonite Church

Interim Pastor: Joetta Schlabach

Deacons: Candace Lutt, Martha Mayou, Mike Okerstrom,
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FMC OFFICE HOURS: April 21-25

Pastor's Hours: Mon, 1-5 p.m.; Wed & Thurs 9-4; Fri, 8:30-12:30.
(Tuesday is a study day.) Joetta is open to receiving phone calls at home on Monday and Wednesday, 7-8:30 p.m.

Office Assistant Hours: Wednesday & Friday, 8:30-1:30.

Email all bulletin items before Thursday evening to:

faithmc@faithmennonite.org

A mid-week update is distributed by email each Wednesday. If you do not have an active email account and/or wish to have a copy sent to you through the mail, please notify the church office.

This afternoon/evening– Neighborhood/Geographic Area Group Gatherings, We hope everyone can attend and enjoy this time of fellowship. Information in mailboxes and on back table. North metro group will meet at Gerber's.

Congregational Meeting, April 27 There will be a congregational meeting immediately following worship next Sunday to vote on the recommendation from the **Pastoral Discernment Committee** to call Joetta Handrich Schlabach to the full-time pastorate of Faith Mennonite Church. Copies of the recommendation are on the mailbox table.

Baptism & Church Membership Sunday. We are planning a service of baptism for Leslie Minkler on May 11, and Mark Kaufman and Heather Wengerd will be received as members. Other persons interested in exploring church membership at this time may speak with Joetta or one of the deacons.

Church Meetings and Events

April 20 – FMC Neighborhood Gatherings

April 25-26 – FMC Women's Retreat, Carondelet Center

April 27 – Congregational meeting (following worship) to vote on pastoral leadership proposal

May 11 – Pentecost/Baptism & Church Membership Sunday

May 18 – Children's Day / Child & Parent Dedications / Final day of Christian education



**How awesome a task
you entrust to our hands.
How fragile and beautiful
is the good earth.**

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Acts 17: 22-31

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, ‘Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, “To an unknown god.” What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him— though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said, “For we too are his offspring.”

Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.’

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Announcements

St. Martin’s Table Book Sale Fri. April 25, 4-11 pm & Sat. April 26, 9 am-5pm. All items discounted – up to 70%! 2001 Riverside Av., Mpls. Phone: 612 339-3920

South High Pancake Breakfast – April 27 The South High School Foundation and Alumni Group is sponsoring a pancake breakfast to raise money for school activities. This breakfast will be held on Sunday, April 27th from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Tickets may be purchased at the door (3131 19th Avenue South) for \$5.00 or \$2.50 for children. *Richard Westby*

The **Book Discussion** group (which includes some folks from FMC) will discuss Krista Tippett's *Speaking of Faith*, **Sunday, May 4**, at 7:00 pm at the home of Stan Pankratz and Eileen Marie, 8744 West Bush Lake Road, Bloomington. Anyone is welcome to join the discussion.